

## REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, the Examiner rejected Claims 8, 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 08105407 to Tokai. The Examiner rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 4,854,384 to Campbell in view of Tokai. The Examiner objected to Claims 12 and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 8 has been amended to include all of the limitations of Claim 12. Claim 12 has been cancelled. Because Tokai does not disclose all of the limitations of amended Claim 8, amended Claim 8 is allowable. Claim 13, which originally depended from Claim 12, has been amended to depend from amended Claim 8 and is therefore allowable. Claim 11, which depends from amended Claim 8, has been amended accordingly. Because Claim 20 depends from amended Claim 8, it is also allowable given that Campbell in view of Tokai does not disclose all the limitations of Claim 20. New Claim 21 reflects a limitation proposed by the Examiner in a facsimile transmission to the Applicant dated December 11, 2008.

A serious effort has been made by the Applicant to place the application in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Applicant does not believe that any additional fee is due with the filing of this paper. If any additional fee is due, please debit Deposit Account 50-1971. Any overpayment should be credited to that same account.

Respectfully submitted,



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